

Nicholas Kipp House
221 North Washington Avenue
Bergenfield, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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Nicholas Kipp House
221 North Washington Avenue
Bergenfield, Bergen County, New Jersey

Owner: Mrs. Claire A. Miller

Date of Erection: 1755

Architect:

Builder: Nicholas Kipp

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Main section two stories; wing
one and one-half stories

Materials of Construction: Foundation - sandstone

Exterior walls - red sandstone
dressed and coursed; the second
floor and gables of frame
construction

Interior walls - plaster; inner
partitions filled with brick
and plaster

Floor of wide pine planks on
oak beams

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

Nicholas Kipp, the builder of the house, was a
descendant of Roleff de Kype, who appears to have been a
French Huguenot who fled to Holland about the middle of

the sixteenth century. One of his sons was a stockholder in the Dutch East India Company and an active promoter of the voyage of Henry Hudson in 1609. His son Henderick came to America, but did not stay; however, Henderick IV did stay, and there is recorded a purchase he made in 1643. He was the most prominent tailor in New Amsterdam, rising to the position of burgher. Dissatisfied with the management of affairs in New Amsterdam, he sold out and moved to Amstel, Delaware, where he became a brewer. He later was a member of the Council of Delaware and Commissioner of Amstel. He came back to New Amsterdam about 1694 and purchased a tract of land from Captain John Berry south of Hackensack. It was a son of his Nicholas who came to Hackensack in 1694. This Nicholas purchased from Captain Berry a large tract at Moonachie in 1698.

Nicholas II, a son of the above, built the present house when he moved with his family in 1755 to Schraalenburg. The house remained in the possession of the Kipp family until 1892. It had several owners after that until 1921 when August Kulkman purchased the property. The present owner is his daughter.

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